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Subject:	Re: from ned

Hi Ned
We were told about the battle as part of Larlar that squeezed under the failure to take Latroun, (then, not even trying to take Ramallah) into operation Danny (after Danny Mass the commander of the 35 who were all killed on the way to save Gush Etzion).
We got written materials and maps about the battle, Later we made a planning exercise re how to conquer and control such a city. Then, we were taken to Ben Shemen heard the story from Mula Cohen the Brigade Commander (see Ari's book) and few others. Then we walked in groups of platoon size Westward towards Lod. (the same unpaved road some of the 48' forces went through,and the same one the exiting Palestinians used later Eastward). In the city we took different routes. Our platoon went through parts of the trajectory of Dayan's raid team. And went to the big mosque (see Ari's book). And tried to realize what happened and why. Later we met , the whole course at the center of the city to summarize the event.
The negotiations of Shmariahu Gutman with the nobilities and the details of Palestinian exit were not discussed. Just mentioned that they left.
I heard from Mula years later some impressions of him.
He was a party member. A warm supporter of me when I entered politics. He was of Shimon and Rabin's generation. Knew Shimon as teenager in Ben Shemen
And Rabin from Palmach and IDF.
The story about BenGurion meeting with Alon re what to do with the Arabs of Lod (Lydda) I've heard decades later from Rabin ,as his Ramatkal in one of our long nights in command posts overseeing an operation behind the enemy lines.
Best
EB
Sent from my iPhone

> On 21 Dec 2015, at 19:35, Edward Temko wrote:
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> Hi. Not sure whether I¡¯ll include the Lydda material in Ch3 (may weave it into a later chapter) but in case I do, could you tell me what broadly you were told
> about the battle during your visit in officers¡¯ school: particularly, were you told about Larlar? And about the expulsion, as described in the Shavit book? Or only
> the details of the specific fighting in the town?
> Thanks very much
> Ned
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